

From The Greeley News.

EDITOR GREELEY NEWS: It appears that just as soon as a man allows his name to be used as a candidate for office, no matter how honest or upright he may be, he immediately becomes the target for abuse, and is vilified by a debased and dangerous press without any regard to the truth or falsity of the allegations, and any editor of a paper who will listen to a talebearer and publish lying statements before investigating the facts, is a disgrace to the fraternity, and it becomes evident at once that the decalogue and the golden rule have NO PLACE in the politics of that paper; and any sneak that will manufacture false statements to a subsidized press, for political purposes or otherwise, wants watching.

It is a question whether an honest man is fortunate or unfortunate in getting nominated for office; but I do know this much—it is an unfortunate fact that there are some editors who are so lost to all shame and decency that they will listen to any tramp that comes along freighted with lies about the candidates of the opposition. Why cannot we have a fair and square canvass? discuss the live issues and the principles involved, and not throw mud at decent and respectable men no matter what party they belong to.

In last week's G. R.-P. there was an article on the doings of the People's convention. While we did not expect to be endorsed by the tools of the Republican party, we should expect fair play; but as fair play is a jewel, the editor of the G. R.-P. falls far short of possessing the requisite jewels to make it possible for him to advocate fair play, so he hunts up a lying correspondent from Welda and pitches into our candidates, our nominee for representative in particular. Now let us see what the Welda informer, kicker and detective in the F. M. B. A., has to say in regard to our nominee for representative. I was a delegate from Welda township to that convention and was responsible, so far as my vote went, for his nomination. I will hurl back into the teeth of the lying correspondent to the G. R.-P. the reflections he has volunteered to impart. Hear him: "The ticket headed by J. M. Alexander, of Welda township, for representative, is a weak one. He is a crank of the worst order; an indifferent farmer; a disturber of the peace by his rantings in and out of time about the burdens of the farmer and oppressed condition of the laboring classes, charging it all to the government. The claim will be set up that he is recently from the Republican party, but this is not the truth although he may have voted for Harrison in 1888. For several years he has been an avowed prohibitionist and one of the most bitter opponents of the Republican party, and worked with the enemy to defeat it as he is to-day."

Now I will say to the voters that I have known Mr. Alexander for upwards of six years, lived within a mile of his house and always knew him to be a Republican with very conservative views; and while I thought that he was terribly in earnest (as he should be) in discussing the issues of the day, I never thought that he was radical or cranky. In regard to his being an indifferent farmer will say that I think he is the peer of the office-hunter that reported him to the G. R.-P. and who wiggled into the F. M. B. A. as a

so-called farmer, to spy and report. In regard to his being a disturber of the peace, we know that the editor of the G. R.-P. is getting wonderfully disturbed at the signs of the times, and he will find the woods full of just such a disturbing element on election day i. e., disturbing your peace of mind as to the result of the great uprising of the people. It's enough to disturb your equilibrium and make your party tyrants tremble. In regard to his everlasting ranting (as you call it) about the burdens of the farmer and oppressed condition of the laboring classes, it's perfectly right and proper. He is a hard-working farmer himself, and the depression that your party's infernal class legislation has saddled on this country is grinding him in the same mill that it is the rest of us. In regard to his being accused of being a revolutionist, will say that we do intend to inaugurate a revolution, and don't you forget it; but it will be a bloodless one on our part and fought at the ballot box. If you fellows intend it shall be otherwise the consequences be upon your heads. And as you fellows have threatened to use the army if it comes to an issue between capital and labor, you are the revolutionists in trying to oppose the will of the people, and so perpetuate a moneyed aristocracy, and by placing capital above labor it would soon decline into a monarchy. As being a prohibitionist is thought to be a crime by you advocates of resubmission and advocates of o. p. houses, I will call your attention to a plank in your party platform which says "the first concern of good government is the sobriety and morality of its people," but it has proven to be not only the last concern, but no concern at all, for don't one of your great leaders say that the decalogue and the golden rule have no place in politics? and that simple purity is very fatiguing? or in other words, bulldozing, lying, swindling, cheating, ballot-box stuffing, false swearing, repeating, etc., are all right and in order, if it will only be a success. These are the principles they would have you kickers advocate. The editor of the Plaindealer says he is too courteous to say aught of Mrs. Neville other than which is complimentary, and in his very next comment takes it all back, for he says Mr. Canady, for commissioner, is the only nomination made that is in any way consistent with the People's movement for reform; very complimentary to the lady indeed. But then, between looking at o. p. houses and the farmers going into politics and disturbing your peace is enough to throw a more stable mind off its balance than I think you possess.

And, now farmers and laborers, I will give you some reasons why you should vote for Mr. Alexander. In the first place he did not seek the office (and that counts something in this day of office-hunting). He is a thorough and practical farmer (notwithstanding the R.-P. slur) and works every day on his farm and knows just what we want. He is solid on the St. Louis platform, and if he is a crank he is the kind that is solid on its axis, and when it turns to drop a vote in the ballot box in the interest of the people there is no John J. that will bulldoze him into changing it to suit their convenience. He is sound as a silver dollar on all questions that appertain to our welfare and interest, and we should elect him by all means, as I think he will be just the man to advo-

cate our cause. Of course you should vote the full ticket, for the other candidates come in for the same abuse. As the R.-P. says it's nothing but a Demo-Prohib combination and was manipulated by the same old crowd, I wonder what kind of a crowd the editor of the R.-P. thinks he has the honor to belong to.

And now I want to give a little advice to the first-class farmer (?) the spy in the F. M. B. A., the protester against being enumerated as one of the 1,200 in voting the People's ticket; the disappointed and played-out politician and fisher for office in whatever party will give him a show; the one who thought that to be nominated by the Republican party was equivalent to an election but found out that sometimes it was a delusion; the one that is doing the dirty work for the R.-P.; the one who expects to get the nomination for a certain office by the Republican party. I would advise you to look a little out, or somebody will be hunting up your political history, which I don't believe will look very good in print. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Nuff sed.

WELDA FARMER.

Letter to Ben Clover.

A. and M. COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI, Aug. 7, '90.
Hon. B. H. Clover, vice-president of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of America:

DEAR BROTHER: President Polk delivered in open session of our state Farmers' Alliance this day, one of the best, most eloquent and patriotic addresses ever listened to by a Mississippi audience, in which he described most graphically his reception by our brethren, the Boys in Blue, and the people generally of the great north and north-west during his recent official tour, and made a most beautiful and touching appeal for fraternity and union among all the people of our common country. At its conclusion Brother J. M. Granberry offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Gen. S. D. Lee, Gen. A. M. West and Capt. Frank Burkitt, be appointed to send greetings of the Mississippi State Alliance to our brethren north of Mason and Dixon's line.

The duty thus assigned the the committee we assure you is a most agreeable one, and with our hearts in our hands, we tender, through you, to our brethren throughout the northern section of the Union, on behalf of the Farmers' Alliances of Mississippi, fraternal greetings, and pledge for the organization in this commonwealth our most zealous and patriotic endeavors to propagate the true principles of our glorious order; to suppress sectional agitation and to promote the peace, happiness and prosperity of the whole people, north, south, east and west.

Truly and fraternally,

S. D. LEE,
A. M. WEST,
FRANK BURKITT, } Com.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Mississippi State Alliance and Industrial Union, this August 7th, 1890.

ROBERT C. PUTTY,
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